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The Editor  
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Dear Sir,

It has been pointed out to me, in particular by Dr. Aaron Klug, that part of a sentence I wrote in 'How to Live with a Golden Helix' (your September issue) is ambiguous. The sentence refers to Rosalind Franklin and reads: "She was...too determined to be scientifically sound and to avoid short cuts." I meant this to mean (using Klug's words) that "she was determined to follow a conservative, x-ray analytical course and not allow other considerations to enter." However it could be read to mean that she was too determined, and therefore was not scientifically sound. This was not my intention. There is (again to quote Klug) "no doubt about the soundness of her work in the ordinary sense."

I am sorry for this misunderstanding.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: A. Klug